Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE PUBLIC RECORDS

Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from AUG 24 AM 9: 26 travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached: ☑ The <u>original</u> Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1), <u>AND</u> 🗵 A copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form with all attachments (itinerary, invited list, etc.) Microsoft Private Sponsor(s) (list all): August 1st, 2018 - August 3rd, 2018 Travel date(s): Name of accompanying family member (if any): Relationship to Traveler:

Spouse ☐ Child IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.) Expenses for Employee: Lodging Expenses Meal Expenses Other Expenses Transportation (Amount & Description) Expenses \$155.10 - local transportation to/ \$64.67 - breakfast, \$523.96 - two nights at \$379.86 for one way ☐ Good Faith lunch, dinner on 8/2 \$229++ at Hyatt Regency from campus and dinner 8/1-8/3 DCA to SEA 8/1-8/3 Estimate Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable): **Lodging Expenses** Meal Expenses Other Expenses Transportation (Amount & Description) Expenses ☐ Good Faith Estimate ☐ Actual Amount Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Agenda with detailed descriptions attached. A full day of content covering Microsoft's products and initiatives. We had a discussion around TV White Space for Broadcast, a demonstration of upcoming Microsoft technologies, a demonstration of current Microsoft Partnership technologies, a HoloLens demonstration, a tour of the Envisioning Center, and a discussion around Microsoft's environmental technologies. Finished with a group meal at a local restaurant. Many Maracret Jentins
(Printed name of traveler) TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel

Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

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Form RE-2

(Signature of Supervising Senator) Officer)

Form RE-1

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

<u>Pre-Travel Filing Instructions</u>: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the <u>Select Committee on Ethics</u> in <u>SH-220</u>. Incomplete and late travel submissions will <u>not</u> be considered or approved. This form <u>must</u> be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

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Name of Traveler:	Mary Margaret Jenkins
Employing Office/Committee:	Senator Roger Wicker
Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Mircosoft	
Travel date(s): August 1st -August 3	3rd, 2018
	trip for any reason you <u>must</u> notify the Committee.
Destination(s): Washington, DC to I	Redmond, WA
Explain how this trip is specifically con	nected to the traveler's official or representational duties:
Microsoft are relevant to past hearings hel	or Roger Wicker, I assist with issues pertaining to his role as Chairman of the cation, Innovation, and the Internet. The topics that will be discussed by experts at Id by Chairman Wicker's subcommittee, such as, artificial intelligence, augmented reality, As one of the private-sector leaders in technology development, Microsoft will have an erging cyber economy.
Name of accompanying family member	(if any):
Relationship to Employee: Spouse	
I certify that the information contained in	n this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:
5-29-18 (Date)	Man/Magat (Now) (Signature of Employee)
TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING Socretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Majority	SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Minority, and Chaplain):
I, Senator Roger F. Wicker	Mary Margaret Jenkins
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)	
related expenses for travel to the event de	to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and escribed above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her solder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for
I have also determined that the attendance of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box	e of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation
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(Date) (Revised 10/19/15)	Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)
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Jenkins, MaryMargaret (Wicker)

From:

Microsoft Congressional Staff Visit < msstaffvisit2018@microsoft.crgevents.com>

Sent:

To:

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 2:08 PM

Subject:

Jenkins, MaryMargaret (Wicker)
Official Invite - Please Respond - Microsoft August Visit

Attachments:

Additional Page.pdf; Agenda - Microsoft August Congressional Staff Visit .pdf; Invite

List - Microsoft August Congressional Staff.pdf; private sponsor travel certification

Senate form August (002)_SIGNED.pdf

Greetings.

Microsoft is thrilled to invite you to visit our headquarters in Redmond, Washington on August 2nd, 2018. You will have a chance to visit with Microsoft's experts and researchers, demo Microsoft's latest technology, and discuss tech policy and its implications for innovation.

Attached you will find a full agenda, invite list, and ethics forms to be submitted for approval. To formally register, immediately respond to this Official Invitation and submit the attached forms to Ethics for approval.

We will only be able to accept a limited number of staff members and will let you know within two weeks of your RSVP to this mail if your attendance has been confirmed. At that time we will send a registration link to upload your travel and biography information.

Please note that once you have received your approval from Ethics, you will need to return a copy of your approval to this inbox. We understand that this likely won't be finalized until mid-July. Microsoft will be providing a group flight on August 1st and 3rd, a two-night hotel stay, and meals on August 2nd.

We hope you will consider joining us in the Pacific Northwest! Do not hesitate to reach out to msStaffVisit2018@microsoft.crgevents.com

with questions on the Microsoft Congressional Staff Trip, including the overall logistics and the ethics process.

Please RSVP to this official invite by June 20th with your availability.

Thank you, Kelly Eaton

Director, Microsoft

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Microsoft Congressional Staff Visit Planning Team

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

•	Microsoft Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):
1	Description of the trip: Microsoft is organizing this trip to highlight innovation, showcase emerging
1	echnologies, and discuss policy issues important to the technology sector
I	Dates of travel: August 1st - August 3rd, 2018
	lace of travel: Washington DC to Redmond, WA
N	lame and title of Senate invitees: See attached attendee list. Accepting first 20 to RSVP
	certify that the trip fits one of the following categories: (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
2	(B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain o employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
2	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
	-AND-
[2	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
	certify that:
X	The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for de minimis lobbyist involvement.
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	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B) I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:
	(A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Membe officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.
	(B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B) If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:
•	Attendees are flying from the east coast to the west coast and in order to participate in a full day of
	sessions they must arrive the day before and depart the day after.
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	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.
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Microsoft hosts various events (forums, receptions, roundtable discussions, internship programs, and						
tours) on its multiple campuses that educate and bring together business partners, employees, students,						
	& the public focusing on areas of IT innovation, computer science education, products/devices, and more					
Total Expenses for Each Participant:						
	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses.	Meal	Other		
Good Faith estimate	See additional Page attached	See additional page attached	See additional Page attached	n/a		
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	Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:
	Daily meal expenses meet per diem rates and lodging expenses meets the per diem rate of August for
	official Federal Government travel.
2.	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:
	Air travel is being provided, economy only. Alaska Flight 0003 and Alaska Flight 0004. Ground trans-
	portation is also being provided from the hotel to Microsoft Campus, dinner, and return to hotel.
3.	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).
1.	List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:
	I hereby certify that the information contained herein is the, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you must include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor): Signature of Travel Sponsor: Name and Title: Kelly Eaton; Director
	Signature of Travel Sponsor: Name and Title: Kelly Eaton; Director
	Signature of Travel Sponsor: Name and Title: Kelly Eaton; Director Name of Organization: Microsoft
	Signature of Travel Sponsor: Name and Title: Kelly Eaton; Director Name of Organization: Microsoft Address: One Microsoft Way, Redmond WA 98052
	Signature of Travel Sponsor: Name and Title: Kelly Eaton; Director Name of Organization: Microsoft



Microsoft 2018 Congressional Staff Visit Agenda

Wednesday August 1, 2018

Start

End

Event | Location

6:40 pm

9:25 pm

Travel from Washington D.C.

to Seattle

Alaska Flight AS0003 | Departing at

6:40pm and Arriving at 9:25 pm

10:00 pm

10:30 pm

Arrival at Hyatt Regency Bellevue

Thursday August 2, 2018

7:45 a	am
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8:00 am

Meet in Hotel Lobby

8:00 am

8:45 am

Travel from Hotel to Microsoft

Campus

Executive Briefing Center

8:45 am

10:00 am

Introductions / Welcome to Microsoft

Presentation

10:00 am

11:00 am

TV white spaces and Microsoft

Airband Initiative Discussion

Discussion of Microsoft's work to use TV White Space to empower rural

communities with Broadband. <u>link</u>

11:00 am 12:00 am

Envisioning Center Tour

A walking tour of future technology innovations that Microsoft is exploring

in the home and office. link

12:00 pm

12:15 pm

Walk to Commons

15255 NE 40th St Redmond, WA 98052

12:20 pm 1:20 pm

1:20 pm 1:30 pm Lunch in the Commons Walk to Building 92

1:30 pm 2:30 pm

Hololens Demo

Building 92

A demonstration

A demonstration of the industrial applications of Microsoft Augmented

Realty Device "Hololens"

2:30 pm 2:45 pm

2:40 pm 3:45 pm

Travel to Treehouses

Conversation for Al for Earth

A conversation on Microsoft's efforts to

A conversation on Microsoft's efforts to impact the earth and environment

through intelligent learning. <u>link</u>

Lucas Joppa, Chief Environmental Scientist

Vickie Robinson, Director Microsoft

Airband Initiative

Microsoft | One Microsoft Way | Redmond, Washington 98052



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1:00 pm	Travel to Red West C
5:00 pm	Tour of the Digital Crimes Unit
	A presentation of Microsoft's
	capabilities and tools in data security.
:00 pm	Travel to Seattle for Dinner
:30 pm	Dinner and Closing Conversation
	Return to Hyatt Regency Bellevue
	:00 pm

Friday August 3, 2018

5:30 am		Meet in Hotel Lobby and Check-out
5:45 am	6:15 am	Travel from Hyatt Regency Bellevue to SeaTac Airport
8:10 am	4:05 pm	Travel from Seattle to Washington D.C.

Alaska Flight AS0004 | Departing at 8:10 am & Arriving at 4:05 pm



Microsoft 2018 August Congressional Staff Visit

Attendee Biographies



Mary Margaret Jenkins Legislative Assistant Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS)

Mary Margaret is currently serving a junior legislative assistant for Senator Wicker. Mary Margaret's portfolio in Senator Wicker's office includes issues relating to the Senate Commerce Committee, the Senate Banking Committee, welfare, national community service, Indian affairs, and family values.

Mary Margaret is a native of Madison, Mississippi. She attended the University of Mississippi where she received a degree Political Science and Public Policy Leadership.



Preston Bell Legislative Director Representative Richard Hudson (R-NC-08)

Preston Bell is currently the Legislative Director for Rep. Richard Hudson, covering Healthcare and Tax issues for the Congressman. Prior to working for Rep. Hudson, Preston worked for Senator Richard Burr from 2012 to 2015.



Svetlana Matt Legislative Assistant Representative Jerry McNerney (D-CA-09)

Svetlana serves as a Legislative Assistant in the Office of Rep. McNerney (CA-09), where she handles technology and telecom policy and the Congressman's work on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. She also co-chairs the Congressional Tech Staff Association, a bipartisan and bicameral organization for hill staffers who work on tech policy.



She holds a J.D. from UC Hastings College of the Law, and a B.A. in Economics and International Political Economy from the University of Puget Sound.



Riki Parikh Senior Advisor and Counsel Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO)

Riki Parikh serves as Senior Adviser and Counsel to U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, where he covers issues before the Senate Judiciary and Commerce Committees, including technology, infrastructure, and immigration. He previously served in the counsel's office under Vice President Joe Biden and Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, and as press secretary to U.S. Senator Mark Warner.

He earned his J.D. from the University of Denver and his B.A. from George Washington University.



Scott Petersen
Deputy Chief of Staff
Representative Jim Costa (D-CA-16)

Scott Petersen currently serves Representative Jim Costa (CA-16) as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director. Mr. Petersen is an experienced legislative, policy and political professional with demonstrated success in guiding legislation through the process from initial draft to final passage. His responsibilities include providing strategic direction for the Representative's legislative priorities, including all legislative work for the Natural Resources Committee.



Alejandro Renteria Legislative Director Representative Lou Correa (D-CA-46)

Alejandro was born and raised in San Diego, California. He currently serves as Legislative Director to the Office of Congressman Lou Correa (CA-46) where he oversees cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and technology, among other issues. Previously, he worked for Senator Harry Reid (NV) and Congressman Juan Vargas

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(CA-51). Alejandro is passionate about public service and his government experience spans for more than a decade.



Charlyn Stanberry Legislative Director Representative Yvette Clark (D-NY-09)

Charlyn Stanberry currently serves as Legislative Director for Rep. Yvette D. Clarke (NY-09) where she manages Rep. Clarke's legislative portfolio, oversees her committee work on the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee and manages her work with the Smart Cities and Multicultural Media Caucus.

Charlyn earned her J.D. from Florida International University's College of Law and her B.S.B.A. and M.P.A. from the University of Central Florida.



Kenny LaSalle Staff Assistant Representative Tony Cárdenas (D-CA-29)

Kenny LaSalle is the Staff Assistant for Congressman Tony Cárdenas, representing California's 29th District. Congressman Cárdenas is serving his third term and is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. He serves on the Health, Environment, and Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcommittees. Kenny has worked for the Congressman for five years during his time in Congress and on the Los Angeles City Council. He currently leads the CHSA Running Club.



Halimah Najieb-Locke Professional Staff Member Committee on Small Business (D)

Ms. Halimah Najieb-Locke is currently a Professional Staff Member for the Democratic Staff of the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Small Business. She handles legislative developments in many portfolios, which include all small business contracting programs, entrepreneurial development programs, Small Business Innovation Research program (SBIR), Small Business Technology



Transfer program (STTR), small business defense acquisition and procurement policy, and the budget appropriation process for all mentioned portfolios. She is originally from Los Angeles, California and is an alumna of both the University of San Francisco with a B.A. in English Literature cum laude and The George Washington University Law School, obtaining her Juris Doctor and Master of Laws in Government Procurement.



Tanner Daniel
Senior Legislative Assistant
Representative David Scott (D-GA-13)

Tanner is currently a Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman David Scott (D-GA) handling his financial services, tax and small business issues. Before the Hill, he was a Financial Services Policy Adviser at the moderate-Democratic think tank Third Way where he worked on the Capital Markets Initiative, a group dedicated to explaining the complexities of Dodd-Frank and capital markets to Members of Congress and their staff. He received a Masters in Public Policy from George Washington University and an undergraduate degree in finance from the University of Richmond.



Stephen Sandora Legislative Assistant Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)

Stephen serves as Senator Shelley Moore Capito's aide on all policy matters regarding financial services, consumer protection and data security. Has been with the Senator since April 2014. Before the Senate, he was policy aide to Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania. He holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Maryland Smith School of Business.





Hart Clements
Legislative Aide
Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)

Hart Clements serves as a Legislative Aide to U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), working on technology, telecommunications, agriculture, judiciary, immigration, FEMA, and civil rights policy issues. Prior to joining the Senator's staff, Hart worked on the 2016 Hillary for America campaign and at EMILY's List, a PAC committed to electing Democratic women to office. Hart received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA.

Wilsar Johnson

Digital Director

House Committee on the Judiciary (D)

PAT ROBERTS, KANSAS

JAMES E. RISCH, IDAHO

JEANNE SHAHEEN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEBORAH SUE MAYER, CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR EMILY GERSHON, CHIEF CLERK

United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

July 11, 2018

Mary Margaret Jenkins
Office of Senator Roger F. Wicker
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation you received to travel on a Congressional staff trip to Microsoft Headquarters in Redmond, Washington, on August 1-3, 2018, sponsored by Microsoft. Microsoft certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that it will pay the *necessary expenses*¹ related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, nor lobbying firm, nor an agent of a foreign principal, and it is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. However, Microsoft has certified that it is a private entity that retains or employs a registered lobbyist and that no registered lobbyist will accompany you on *any segment of your trip*.²

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this one-day (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) trip may be accepted under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, Microsoft is neither a registered lobbyist nor lobbying firm under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, nor an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35.

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel*

¹ The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms at 8.

² The term "any segment of your trip" has a specific definition. See id. at 3.

Certification Form, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel.

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual,³ on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$390 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their Financial Disclosure Report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,

Deborah Sue Mayer

Chief Counsel and Staff Director

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Enclosure: Travel Checklist

³ A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$126,148 for CY 2018) or is a political fund designee and is required to file Financial Disclosure Reports.